



BARTLESVILLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



MONTHLY NEWLETTER

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President's Corner: Consider the fact that the youth of today will be our leaders of tomorrow. How important is it to share our knowledge of a safe and fun way to experience the sport of shooting? To several of our members, this seems to be very important. We are very fortunate to have one of our members – Jack Archer – volunteering his time on Wednesday evenings working with young shooters in the art of skeet and 5-stand. Our Club has sponsored this program the last couple of years to give young potential shooters the opportunity to shoot clay birds in different disciplines. Jack never wavers in his support for this program. Recently, another member – Carl Thompson – tutored a young shooter in the “art of skeet shooting”. The young teenager was eager to learn and Carl was willing to work with him. I was there to see the excitement in both the teacher and the student. Oh, by the way, the young shooter happened to be my grandson from Arizona. He calls me just about every day telling me how great the experience was and tells me how he “can't wait” to return to Oklahoma for more schooling. I would like to express my sincere thanks to both Jack and Carl for showing interest in our youth and taking time out of their busy schedule to help them. To all experienced shooters – If you come across a new inexperienced shooter at our club, don't hesitate to give them some instruction. I can assure you that both of you will benefit from the experience. Registered rifle and shotgun sports are becoming very competitive within our club membership. Many hours are spent at our range practicing rifle skills, skeet, trap, and sporting clays. Over the years, our club has represented itself extremely well at local, state, and regional shoots. An example of our shooter's accomplishments is described in the Competition News below. (Pat Kendrick 337-1477)

Fall Club Member Shoot. The annual Carl Thompson 410 shoot and re-scheduled club picnic is scheduled for **Saturday, September 19th** at our club. Please put this important date on your social calendar. We have convinced Carl Thompson and Jack Long to once again prepare ‘their’ fantastic barbecue morsels for the main course. Combine the main course with the delicious side dishes and fantastic desserts prepared by our members and we are talking about one **FINE** meal. We ask that our members whose name begins with the letters A thru L to please bring a side dish to pass and those members whose last name begins with the letters M thru Z to please bring a dessert dish to pass. I am anxiously looking forward to this event.

Rifle/Pistol Range:

A special rifle/pistol meeting was held July 20 (15 members attended). Several of the attendees have volunteered their time to perform on-going maintenance and to make improvements at the range. Their efforts will be coordinated by the newest board member (and range manager) Keith Calmes. It was determined that the gongs need to be angled down to prevent ricochets. It was also decided that the clearing for the 200 yard range was not wide enough to provide sufficient light for target recognition and the berm may not be high enough. It was also discussed that there may be a problem with erosion if too many trees are removed and the slope of the property is changed to accommodate the 200 yard range. The board voted to suspend the building of the 200 yard range indefinitely. It has been reported that damage to target stand legs has been caused by shooters propping up used clay targets against the legs of the target stands. In addition to the damage to the target stands, the plastic pipes that hold the target stands are also getting shot up. We have been replacing these target stands at an alarming rate. Please do **NOT** use the legs of the target stands as a target holder for clay targets. If you wish to shoot these clay targets, please be responsible and bring some type of target holder that will not damage the target stands or plastic pipes.

Youth Shooting Programs:

We have depleted our NRA grant money for targets. The board has voted to spend \$500 for .22 and shotgun shells in order to continue these programs. In addition, youths participating in the program will not be charged for the targets they shoot. The youth shotgun program shoots Wednesday evenings and is run by Jack Archer. As a club, we are extremely interested in promoting the sport of shooting to our young members. If you are interested in donating funds to assist in the continuation of the youth shooting programs, please put the donation in an envelope and place it in the suggestion box or mail the donation to BSC, P O Box 391, Bartlesville, OK, 74005. Thank you in advance for your support.

Club Enhancements: Several months ago, the board voted to fund several enhancements to the club. The enhancements consist of a gazebo behind the East Skeet Field, a second trap field to be constructed on the West Skeet field, and a concrete ramp for the rifle/pistol range. The Oklahoma weather has not been very cooperative so the projects have been postponed until weather conditions have improved.

Competition News:

BSC Rifle Matches: July 18th Bolt Action Match and .22 Military trainer match. Joe Franco edged Neil Stamper to win the Bolt Action Match and Neil Stamper won the .22 trainer match. There has been considerable interest in shooting AR style rifles along with M1A1 rifles. The Aug 15th noon match will be your chance. It is the only modern military rifle match we have scheduled this year. Future matches of this type will depend on the number of shooters who sign up for this one. This match will be a "shoot what you bring" as long as it is military or a military clone with no optics. Matters not if it is semi auto or bolt gun. Come out and have a good time. Joe Franco

BSC Military Semi Auto Rifle Match 06/20/09

Name	Grp1	Grp2	Scr 1	Scr 2	Scr 3	Total
N. Stamper	4.71	5.15	92	88	94-2x	274-2x
C. Duvall	6.00	6.00	86	84	88	258
J Haris	4.96	5.57	87	74	85	246
J. Franco	6.00	6.00	69	75	80	225
J. Manley	6.00	6.00	39	86	64	189

.22 Military Trainer Rifle Match 06/20/09

Name	Grp1	Scr 1	Scr 2	Total
N.Stamper	2.12	99-5x	97-3x	196-8x
J. Franco	3.19	93-3x	94-2x	187-5x
C. Duvall	4.04	80	86-1x	166-1x
H. Stamper	6.00	69	72	141
J. Manley	6.00	56-1x	69	125-1x

BSC Military Semi Auto Rifle Match 07/18/09

Name	Grp1	Grp2	Scr 1	Scr 2	Scr 3	Total
J. Franco	95-2x	99-5x	95	91-1x	95-4x	475-11x
N. Stamper	91-2x	97-2x	95-3x	93-1x	95-5x	473-13x
M. Farrell	87-2x	93-2x	90	90-1x	90	450-5x
B. Hale	95-2x	90-1x	90	91	84	450-3x
J. Manley	61.00	81-1x	27	56	70	295-1x

.22 Military Trainer Rifle Match 07/18/09

Name	Grp1	Scr 1	Scr 2	Total
N.Stamper	92-1x	99-5x	93-4x	284-10x
J. Franco	93-3x	92-2x	93-3x	278-8x
H. Stamper	89-1x	93-3x	95-2x	277-6x
B. Hale	90-1x	87	89-1x	266-2x
M. Farrell	48-3x	94-3x	93-2x	235-8x
J. Manley	58	66	32	154

Trap: Congratulations to Jeannine Stevens for winning the ATA Southwestern Zone handicap with a score of 97. In addition to a nice trophy, Jeannine won a Ruger 10-22, All American points, and her picture in the Trap and Field magazine. Also, congratulations to Troy Sielsky for his recent accomplishment. Troy shot his first 100 straight singles recently at the Oil Capital Shoot in Broken Arrow.

Sporting Clays: Congratulations are also in order for Debbie Crume. Debbie won her class in a recent Sporting Clays Tournament. Debbie has earned another punch, and is only 3 punched away from Class C.

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